July 2009

Water Conservation Plan Adopted

The City of Wylie, as required by the State of Texas, recently adopted a Water Conservation Plan that includes watering guidelines and restrictions. North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) member cities began developing a model conservation plan following the 2006 drought in preparation for future dry periods.

Watering Guidelines & Restrictions

- Watering lawns is prohibited between 10 am 6 pm from April 1 through October 31 of each year.
- Watering lawns is limited to twice per week based on your trash day.

Trash Day	Watering Days
Monday	Monday & Thursday
Tuesday	Tuesday & Friday
Wednesday	Wednesday & Saturday
Thursday	Thursday & Sunday
Friday	Friday & Monday

- Watering of impervious surfaces, including cleaning of concrete or asphalt, is prohibited (Wind driven water drift will be taken into consideration.)
- Outdoor watering during precipitation or freeze events is prohibited.
- The use of treated water to fill or refill residential, amenity, and other natural or man-made ponds is prohibited. A pond is considered to be a still body of water with a surface area of 500 square feet or more.
- Rain and freeze sensors and/or ET (evapotranspiration) or smart controllers are required on all new irrigation systems. Rain and freeze sensors and/or ET or smart controllers must be maintained and function properly.
- When washing cars, a hose with a shut-off nozzle must be used to reduce water waste.
- Watering areas that have been over-seeded with cool season grasses (such as rye grass or other similar grasses) is prohibited, except for golf course and public athletic fields.

Listed watering restrictions apply to City of Wylie water customers. East Fork Special Utility District and Wylie Northeast Special Utility District customers should check with their provider for usage restrictions.

Portions of Wylie, Sachse and Murphy, along with 1.6 million other customers in fifty North Texas cities receive their water from the North Texas Municipal Water District located in Wylie. To meet future demands, the NTMWD continues to develop new water sources in addition to its primary sources of Lake Lavon, Lake Texoma, Jim Chapman Lake, Lake Tawakoni and Lake Bonham. But as water demand increases, citizens must do their part through daily conservation to ensure that this finite, valuable resource is available for years to come.

Go to www.WylieTexas.gov > Departments > Public Works > Water to view a PDF of the complete Conservation Plan along with an article detailing droughts of the past century and their impact on the North Texas region.

Online @ WylieTexas.gov

Music and Movies In Olde City Park

Grab a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy music and movies throughout the summer in the newly renovated and expanded Olde City Park. Don't miss the sounds of the Panhandlers Steel Band or Professor D. Movie nights include Kung Fu Panda and High School Musical 3. Find more information in the news and announcements section on the homepage of www.WylieTexas.gov.

City Council Meeting Packets Online

Did you know that citizens have access to the same information Councilmembers receive to prepare for Council Meetings? The complete Council packet is posted at www.WylieTexas.gov the Friday before regularly scheduled meetings. Information includes: staff reports and presentations, exhibits, background information and proposed ordinances. On the homepage select City Government > Boards Agendas & Minutes > City Council.

Pay Your Utility Bill Online

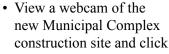
Online payments are easy and secure. From the homepage select Online Services > Utility Bill Payment. You will need your account number to register, so be sure to have your bill in hand.

eWYLIE Newsletter - Stay Informed

Sign up to receive the latest city news and information via email. Simply go to www.WylieTexas.gov and click on the green sign up button located on the left hand side of the page.

City Launches New Website

Quickly and easily find the information you need at www.WylieTexas.gov. The updated site is more than just a new look--It is easier to navigate and features many new enhancements. On the homepage alone you can:





on the link to zoom in on the image, create a time lapse or select past images of the construction site.

- View and download pictures of City events, activities, programs and scenery. Simply click on the slide show located on the left hand side of the homepage. In the future you will be able add your own pictures of Wylie.
- Use the Help Center to directly submit issues or concerns, track the response to your inquiry, and quickly search a database for answers to your questions.
- Use the Stay Informed and Online Services navigation feature to access City information.

Dirt to Begin Moving on FM 1378 Construction Project

Construction equipment is being staged at the southeast corner of Brown and FM 1378 and the excavation/construction stage of the project from Brown Street to Parker Road will begin in the coming days, pending the final relocation of a few utility poles. Excavation from FM 544 to Brown Street is scheduled for late fall. Construction of this \$12.2 million, six lane divided road, will take approximately 20-24 months to complete.

Work began on the FM 1378 project several years ago, including efforts by the City Council to secure Wylie's share of funding from the 2003 Collin County Bond Election and Wylie's 2005 Bond Election. The city also actively worked with the State to transfer control of FM 1378 (Brown Street to FM 544) from TxDOT to the City, enabling the City to begin the project several years ahead of schedule.

The engineering and design phase for projects of this size takes approximately 2 years to complete. Engineering and design are followed by six months to a year of right-of-way acquisition, and approximately six more months of utility relocation before construction of the road can begin.

Go to www.WylieTexas.gov > Departments > Engineering and select "Road Construction Update" for details on construction projects throughout the City.

Long Road to Construction

Example Time Line: Brown Street West

2 Years 6 Months 6 Months

Design, Engineering ROW Utility Construction
Regulatory Approval Acquisition Relocation

Fun & Learning

Rita & Truett Smith Public Library

800 Thomas Street 972-442-7566

www.WylieTexas.gov > Departments > Library

Hours: Mon., Tue. & Thur. Noon - 8 pm

Wednesday 9 am - 6 pm
Friday 11 am - 5 pm
Saturday 9 am - 4 pm

Sunday Closed

All Events Are Free and Open to the Public

Storytime, Every Wednesday

Join us for books, flannel stories, finger plays, songs and crafts.

Big Kids (ages 3-5), 9 am & 11 am

Wee Read (Babies & Toddlers), 10 am

July 22 - Houses

July 29 - Mr. Willy Welch & Evelyn the Guitar

August - No Storytime's

Texas Tall Tales, July 21, 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm

Storyteller Dorayne Breedlove presents western adventures about Pecos Bill and Native American Legends.

Imaginations, July 23, 6:30 pm

Catherine Whiteman, actress, singer, writer and producer, will engage imaginations through stories, sound, movement and music.

Adult Summer Reading Club, July 27, 6:30 pm

Ages 18 and up are invited to join a discussion on Texas Food and Culture.

Beating the Heat, July 28, 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm

Join professional percussionist Len Barnett with his various drums and percussion instruments.

Last Day to Submit Summer Reading Logs, July 31

Friends of the Library Meeting, August 20, 6:00 pm

Support your local Library by joining the Friends of the Rita & Truett Smith Public Library. Take advantage of the half price membership fees in celebration of construction of the new library, and receive a free library bag upon membership.

Adult Book Club, August 24, 6:30 pm

Ages 18 and up are invited to join a book discussion on *The Diary* by Eileen Goudge.

Teen Center, August 24, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

6th - 12th graders are invited to join their friends for fun and games including Rock Band II, Dance Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero, Movie Day and more.

Bart Peddicord Community Center 100 West Oak Street - 972-442-8119

Senior Center Activities, Mon - Fri, 9 am - 3 pm

Join area seniors for cards, dominos, bingo, exercise, food and fun special events. Call 972-442-2841 for more information.